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### *Chair's Report*

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#### **Proposal to Postpone Nominations/Elections of Officers for the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for 2006**

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**Executive Summary:** This agenda item contains the Commission's policy for nominations and elections of officers.

**Recommended Action:** Approval of postponement.

**Presenter:** Leslie Peterson Schwarze, Chair

#### **Strategic Plan Goal: 1**

#### **Promote educational excellence through the preparation and certification of professional educators**

- ◆ Sustain high quality standards for the preparation of professional educators.
- ◆ Assess and monitor the efficacy of the Accreditation System, Examination System, and State and Federal Funded Programs.



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## **Introduction**

Officers of the Commission are the Chair and Vice Chair. Both positions are elected on an annual basis to serve a one-year term and may, by Commission policy, be elected to serve a second year. Pursuant to Section 301 of the Policy Manual, nominations are opened at the second-to-last Commission meeting and are closed at the last Commission meeting of the year with the new officers taking office at the start of the following year.

## **Background**

Attached is the Commission's adopted policy for nominating and electing the Chair and Vice Chair as it appears in the Policy Manual under Section 301.

At the request of the Governor's office, the Chair will request a postponement of the nominations/elections for Commission officers for 2006 until such time that the Commission receives a full complement of Commissioners. It is anticipated that new appointments will be made shortly. Such a postponement will allow the newly appointed members to participate in the election process for officers for the 2006 year.

Since the Commission's Policy Manual requires elections to be held at the meeting following the nominations, a postponement would require a suspension of the Commission's policy regarding the procedure for nominating and electing its officers found in Policy Manual Section 301.

## **§ 301. PROCEDURE FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- (a) The election for Chair and Vice Chair shall be at the last meeting of the calendar year of the Commission. Notice of the pending election will be given at the meeting immediately preceding the last meeting of the calendar year of the Commission. All commissioners will be appropriately advised concerning pending elections.
- (b) There are two ways of nominating, one by mail and one in open session. In either case, if an individual plans to nominate, it is his/her responsibility to procure the consent of the individual to be nominated.
- (c) During the 30 days preceding the last meeting of the calendar year, nominations by mail for Chair and Vice Chair may be submitted to the Executive Director. If a nomination is being made by mail, it is to be submitted by the date set by the Executive Director and announced in open session at the time of nominations. Nominations may be made orally in open session at both the meeting immediately preceding the last meeting of the calendar year and the last meeting. At the last meeting of the year, each nominee shall make a presentation, not to exceed five minutes in duration, concerning his or her vision for the Commission's future and how his or her attributes will contribute to that vision.
- (d) The Chair and Vice Chair shall be selected by roll call voice vote, and both elections shall be conducted by the Executive Director. Commissioners shall be called upon alphabetically and each shall announce his or her choice. If there are more than two nominees for either Chair or Vice Chair and no nominee receives a majority of the votes of those present, then the two nominees receiving the greatest number of the votes of those present will be selected for runoff election which shall be conducted immediately thereafter by roll call voice vote. Commissioners' votes shall be duly recorded in the official record of the proceedings.
- (e) In the event a nominee receives a majority of the votes of the current eligible voting members (i.e., 1 more than 50%) at the election, then the election shall become final, and he or she shall assume office immediately upon the conclusion of the Commission meeting. No proxy votes are permitted. In the event a nominee does not receive a majority vote, then the election will not be officially concluded until any absent members are given the opportunity to cast a vote as the first order of business at the next scheduled Commission meeting. Immediately upon announcement by the Executive Director that the election is completed, the newly elected Chair and/or Vice Chair shall assume office.